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SO, DANNY, ISN'T IT? YOUR WIFE TELLS ME YOU'RE INTO CARS.

YOU COULD SAY THAT.

I'M INTO CARS MYSELF ACTUALLY. RECENTLY PURCHASED THE LATEST HYBRID; THEY'RE ALL THE RAGE YOU KNOW.

KEYLESS ENTRY, VOICE-ACTIVATED FEATURES, PLUS A STATE-OF-THE-ART GPS NAVIGATION SYSTEM.

AND SO ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS.

YOU?

1968 V8 FASTBACK WITH A 390 CUBIC-INCH BIG BLOCK. PUMPS OUT OVER 500 HORSES. PERSONALLY MODIFIED.

COMES WITH A MAP.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT. YOU WON'T MIND IF I BORROW MY HUSBAND FOR TWO SECONDS?

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP THERE, SLUGGER?

LOVING IT.

REALLY?

OF COURSE. WE WERE DISCUSSING CARS.

CARS. WITH *CHAD WELLS.*

YOU WERE DREAMING OF *KILLING* HIM, WEREN'T YOU?

FIVE DIFFERENT WAYS, *ALL* WITH THIS TOOTHPICK.

AND YOU'RE IGNORING YOUR GUESTS. GO ON, MINGLE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOUR WORK. I'LL BE FINE.

YOU'RE ADORABLE.

YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY SMARMY, ELITIST SNOBS WHO'VE SPENT THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON LOOKING DOWN THEIR NOSES AT YOU.

CAN'T YOU AT LEAST TELL THEM WHAT YOU DO?

WHAT'S THE POINT? GO. MINGLE.

THIS IS *YOUR* DAY NOT M—

COLONEL WITWICKY.

AT EASE, SON.

AT THE PERSONAL REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I'M HERE TO ESCORT YOU TO NEW YORK CITY, SIR.

WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY.

WHAT *KIND* OF AN EMERGENCY?

BRING 'EM DOWN!

GROCERY
LOANS
GARAGE
LOOK OUT!
TV
SALE
DVD-HI-
SALE

SALE

WHAT'S HAPPENING?! WH—

IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY. I'M COMMANDER ANDY REID WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

AIR FORCE? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS HAD PLANES.

F-22 RAPTORS, THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WAR MACHINE ON THE PLANET.

AND...

IT BLEW UP.

OH.

BUT WHY—

SORRY, MA'AM, BUT—

SARAH.

SARAH, CAN WE DO THIS ON THE MOVE?

I NEED TO REPORT IN, AND I JUST LOST TEN MINUTES OUTRUNNING A LARGE, MECHANICAL DOG.

A *DOG*?

I *THINK* SO.

YOU'RE BEING CHASED BY A GIANT DOG?

NOT ANYMORE.

WE'RE GOING TO PLAY A GAME, AGENT GRANT...

...HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: IF I HEAR THE WORDS "CIA CLEARANCE" ONE MORE TIME, SERGEANT MANNING HERE IS GOING TO USE HIS SERVICE REVOLVER TO KNOCK YOUR TEETH DOWN YOUR THROAT.

COLONEL...

IT'S FUN, REALLY. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

COLONEL...

AND DON'T THINK HE WON'T. *HE* WILL.

IT'S TRUE.

COLONEL, WHAT YOU'RE FAILING TO ***APPRECIATE*** HERE IS THAT EVERYTHING YOU'VE JUST BEEN BRIEFED ON HAS BEEN SHARED IN THE ***STRICTEST*** OF CONFIDENCES.

EVERYONE ON BOARD IS BOUND BY ***FEDERAL LAW***. YOU WILL ***NOT*** SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ***ANYONE***.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY KEEPING THE SPECIFICS OF THIS SPECIES A SECRET AND—

"TIME AND MONEY," AGENT GRANT? THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GO TO MY TROOPS WITH? "TIME AND MONEY"?

YOUR "SECRET" JUST WALTZED INTO TIMES SQUARE!

MY TROOPS ***WILL*** BE PREPARED ***AND*** INFORMED. WHAT I WON'T HAVE IS MEN GOING INTO COMBAT WITH NO ***CLUE*** AS TO WHAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST!

AAAA!

RUN! GO, SARAH, GET OUT OF HERE!

INSIDE. QUICKLY.

HURRY!

HAARRR!

LCD 21"

FRAGILE

FONY

UP

I HATE DOGS.

"CIA CLEARANCE." SERGEANT MANNING, TAKE CARE OF AGENT GRANT WILL YOU?

COLONEL.

AT EASE.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAWKE REQUESTED I FIND YOU.

HAWKE'S HERE? THAT'S THE FIRST GOOD NEWS I'VE HAD ALL DAY.

TELL THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL I WANT ALL SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE COMMAND TENT IN 10 MINUTES.

YES, SIR.

HE ALSO WANTED YOU INFORMED THAT GROUND FORCES ARE DEPLOYED AND PREPARING TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY.

WHERE?

CENTRAL PARK, SIR.

CENTRAL PARK.

FORGET 10 MINUTES, I WANT THEM THERE IMMEDIATELY.

YES, SIR.

MEGATRON, LASERBEAK HAS RETURNED.

ENEMY FORCES GATHERING. DIRECTION: NORTH, NORTHEAST.

SIZE: CONSIDERABLE.

GROUND FORCES? THAT'LL MEAN BALLISTICS, NO GUIDANCE SYSTEMS WE CAN INTERFERE WITH.

SEND THE INSECTICONS.

NO, I THINK THE TIME HAS COME FOR A LITTLE... FINESSE.

SOUNDWAVE...

...UNLEASH FRENZY.

SIR, ENEMY SIGHTED!

ONLY FOUR OF 'EM. SCOLTING PARTY.

FOUR? IDIOTS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST.

ONE *SMALL* DECEPTICON AGAINST *HUNDREDS OF TROOPS*? EVEN AGAINST THESE ODD LIFE-FORMS, YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MINDS.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE *NEW* GUY.

JUST *WATCH*, CONSTRUCTICON. YOU'LL SEE.

ONCE HE'S OUT, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

FRENZY, EJECT.

OPERATION ..

...ANNIHILATION.

FRENZY'S CENTRAL CORE CONSTANTLY EMITS AN INTENSE INFRASONIC FREQUENCY.

IT CAUSES ANYTHING NEARBY TO EXPERIENCE VIOLENT NIGHTMARES...

...AND EXTREMELY HORRIFIC DELUSIONS...

...EVEN *HIM*.

NO ONE'S IMMUNE. WELL...

..*ALMOST* NO ONE.

STAY CLOSE! WE'RE ALMOST OUT.

THIS IS *INSANE*...

WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE *DOING*?!

GET *OUT* OF HERE! *RUN!*

NOT HELPING, BRIDGE.

LAND LINES ARE OUT, CELL PHONES...

WHOEVER CONTROLS THOSE MACHINES... MAYBE THEY'RE JAMMING THEM SOMEHOW.

NO, THE *MACHINES* ARE JAMMING THEM, LIKE THE MISSILES.

I SAW THEM *TALK*. I *WATCHED* THEM FROM THE GROUND.

WE GOT IT WRONG. THEY'RE ALIVE, AND IF I DON'T REPORT IN IMMEDIATELY, WE'RE AS GOOD AS—

YOU MEAN THE PEOPLE—

I MEAN THE *MACHINES*.

HOLLAND TUNNEL

DAMN.

ALIEN ROBOTS?!

TOP SECRET

SIR, I THOUGHT WE'D DEALT WITH THIS BEFORE, WITH THOSE TERRORISTS, THE... UH...

THAT'S IT. ALL THOSE REPORTS OF "GIANT ROBOTS" TURNED UP WAREHOUSES OF MACHINE PARTS BUT NO MENTION OF "ALIENS."

THE MACHINATION.

DON'T TRY MY PATIENCE WITH ANY "I DON'T BELIEVE IT" CRAP, STEVENS. ANY TIME YOU NEED A REALITY CHECK, GO POKE YOUR HEAD OUTSIDE.

LAST I HEARD THEY WERE SHUT DOWN, PUT AWAY.

COVER-UP. SCAPEGOATS.

"C.I.A. CLEARANCE," WHAT ELSE?

COLONEL!

WHAT IS IT?

SIR, WE HAVE A REPORT BACK FROM THE CENTRAL PARK ASSAULT. THERE WERE CASUALTIES.

HOW MANY DID WE LOSE?

ALL OF THEM, SIR.

THE BRIDGES ARE FALLING!

THE TIME HAS COME!

CONSTRUCTICONS!

UNITE!

PREPARE FOR DEVASTATION.

FONY

THAT THING MUST BE *MASSIVE!*

WHAT'S THIS?

LIVE FEED...

"...NOT SURE WHERE FROM, BUT IT'S GOING OUT EVERYWHERE."

IT'S WADING INTO THE RIVER!

GOOD GOD...

WITWICKY

US ARMY

"...THE TUNNELS!"

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